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The Honorable Leo A. Hoeghy
Director,
Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoeghy:

Mr. Dulles has asked me to study and reply to your letter of 5 September 1958 concerning proposed guidelines for the care of families of Federal employees assigned to relocation sites in an emergency.

It is our belief that all steps taken for the care of families of those officials or employees who are members of the emergency relocation force should be based upon firm, uniform plans and procedures developed and promulgated by the Federal Government for the guidance of the departments and agencies. It is our feeling also that reception areas or rendezvous points for dependents should be selected and established now and announced publicly by the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization or some other agency of the Federal Government designated for this purpose, or by state civil defense authorities under Federal direction.

Likewise, the Federal Government as a whole, rather than individual departments and agencies, should, we feel, plan to assume the responsibility for assisting employees and their dependents in finding housing accommodations in time of emergency. This should be made the sole mission of one Government organization in order to permit the individual departments and agencies to apply all of their attention and energies to the business of coping with whatever emergency has precipitated relocation.

Every effort should be made to offset any impression that preferential treatment is to be accorded the families of certain selected members of the Government as distinguished from the populace

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as a whole. This can, we believe, best be accomplished by one uniform Federal program on the subject.

Subject to the observations made above, we are in accord with the proposed guidelines set forth in the enclosure to your letter.

Sincerely yours,



Acting Deputy Director

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